

# Southern Flyer



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Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

Paratroopers stream out of a C-130 over Ste. Mére Eglise, France, June 9. The 908th was one of three C-130 units participating in the 58th Anniversary of the D-Day invasion of Normandy.

## "Please tell them, we remember"

By Maj. Jerry Lobb  
908<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing public affairs

Ready, steady, go! As Specialist Antonio Torres drifted slowly toward the patchwork of earth, his mind cast him back 58 years, and he imagined the fear and confusion as rounds of ammunition rained death and destruction on the descending paratroopers of the 82<sup>nd</sup> and 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Divisions, as they landed in the village of Ste. (Sainte) Mére Eglise, that D-Day so long ago.

On June 9, 2002, a 908<sup>th</sup> AW C-130 dropped Torres and the other paratroopers near the village as part of the commemoration of the 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the June 6, 1944, D-Day invasion.

The 908<sup>th</sup>'s aircraft was joined in formation by a C-130 from the 94<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing at Dobbins ARB, Ga., and one from the Michigan Air National Guard's 127th Wing, Selfridge ANGB Mich. The three aircraft dropped approximately 120 paratroopers in two passes over the drop zone. The C-130s transported the Army paratroopers from Fort Benning, Ga., to France and England and back to Fort Benning.

The paratroopers were assigned to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg, N.C., the Ranger Training Brigade, Fort Benning, Ga., 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, Hunter Army Air Field, Ga., and 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, Ft. Lewis, Wash. The troopers participated in ceremonies and visited major battle sites, such as Omaha and Utah beaches and Point du Hoc where they learned about the plans for the invasion, difficulties encountered and heroic actions of their units in 1944.

"Each year since (1984) I've gone out of my way to get soldiers back to participate in Normandy and then plan a jump with foreign troopers. I've had guys come back to me 5, 10, 15 years later to tell me coming to Ste. Mére Eglise and jumping with foreign soldiers remains the best experience of their military careers," said Lt. Col. David McNeil, an Army Reservist assigned to the Ranger Training Brigade, who has played a major role in the Normandy commemoration since 1984. He served then as the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division's assistant project officer for the first return of the 82<sup>nd</sup> to Ste. Mére Eglise. After his first experience

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# Showtime nears, SAV team here to help

After months of planning and preparation, we're almost there. The Staff Assistance Visit team from 22<sup>nd</sup> Air Force arrives July 10. This is a time to shine, to show our best programs. It is also a good time to seek clarification and guidance in areas we'd like to improve.

I'm betting we have several benchmark programs they will want to see duplicated at other units, like the Logistic Groups self inspection program and our Financial Management programs. However, no matter how good our programs are, there's always room for improvement.

I've been a member of these SAV teams before. As they travel from unit to unit they see a lot. Take time to pick your team member's brains for ideas and

practices they've seen elsewhere we may want to



Photo By Maj. Jerry Lobb  
Col. James N. Stewart

apply here.

It's the oldest lame joke in the world, but the team from 22nd will really be here to help. Since we want to make our programs better, we should be glad to see them.

## History teaches us to appreciate freedom

by Senior Airman Randy Roughton  
319th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The following was written by a former Southern Flyer staff writer on the eve of July 4, 2001. Roughton commentary is even more appropriate in light the events of 9-11 and our nations continuing war on terror.*

**GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE, N.D.** — As one soldier, his uniform in tatters through years of bloody combat, charged the hill toward another man wearing another army's colors, neither could have fully imagined what was at stake that day.

Even the name of the town held no special meaning for either army — it was just another meaningless Pennsylvania town.

But Gettysburg certainly has meaning today, just as Bunker Hill, Iwo Jima and Normandy were special. What was at stake, on the hills at Gettysburg and the beaches at Normandy, was freedom.

Freedom and liberty are a couple of those words that are difficult to understand — until you don't have them anymore. Most Americans have known nothing else but freedom, although there have been constant threats through the years to the rights guaranteed in the signing of the Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776.

Since the downfall of the Soviet Union, ignorance seems to be the most dangerous threat to the survival of the greatest democracy the world has ever known.

All you have to do to realize this is watch Jay Leno hit the streets looking for answers to basic American history questions.

One contestant, when asked which country the United States won its independence from, answered "Iraq." Another didn't recognize Mount Rushmore and said President Kennedy was the speaker of the Gettysburg Address.

If we're to write this off simply as a late-night talk show stunt, several studies prove we could be in trouble. A

Department of Education report on the knowledge of American history of 22,000 students in all 50 states showed more than 50 percent of all high school seniors were unaware of the Cold War and almost six of 10 didn't have a basic understanding of how the United States became an independent nation.

In another survey by Luntz Research, 59 percent of teenagers could identify the Three Stooges, but only 41 percent could even name the legislative, executive and judicial branches.

But the ignorance isn't restricted to young Americans. The National Constitution Center interviewed 1,000 adults and found 24 percent couldn't name one right guaranteed by the First Amendment. Only 6 percent could cite freedoms of speech, press, assembly and religion.

Why is this so disturbing? The survival of democracy depends on an educated public, especially when it concerns constitutional rights. The architects of our independence knew this.

"If a nation expects to be ignorant and free," Thomas Jefferson said, "it expects what never was and never will be."

Some argue that schools just don't teach American history anymore. If kids are to learn about what happened Dec. 7, 1941, they must do it in a theater.

That's where parents must step in. If they're not learning even a basic knowledge of American government and history, teach them at home. Somehow, they must learn the significance of Pearl Harbor, Iwo Jima and Gettysburg and how what happened in those places led to the freedoms we enjoy today.

If you didn't learn when you were in school, take the initiative to learn now. After all, the Fourth of July is not merely a day to play with fireworks or a day off from work.

If that's all we see in this day or in freedom, maybe it's fortunate those soldiers at Gettysburg could not see the future.



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# Command chief designate shares thoughts, expectations

**By Jeffery Melvin**  
**908th Airlift Wing Public Affairs**

Amos Moore has been ‘transporting stuff’ for more than 35 years – first in the Surface Freight AFSC while on active duty for four years, as an operations manager at United Parcel Service for 17 years, and for the last 15 years here at the 25th

Aerial Port Squadron. So it’s no wonder that in his new job as command chief master sergeant he’s still in the transport business. This time around he’s transporting issues and concerns of the wing’s enlisted force to 908th Airlift Wing Commander Col. James N. Stewart.



“I’m Colonel Stewart’s eyes and ears in the wing as far as enlisted issues go and I want to make sure the enlisted personnel understand that I’m available,” Moore said, describing his view of his role as the wing’s top enlisted person.

“I represent their interests, their concerns. It’s difficult to have a wing that’s ready go to war on a moment’s notice if you have personal or morale issues or if you have issues that the enlisted people are concerned about that aren’t being addressed. When we deploy, we have to deploy a person that’s well trained and properly positioned mentally and physically. We want to make sure the whole person is ready to go forward and if they have concerns I will need to know what those concerns are,” Moore continued.

Anyone who wants to succeed in the military or life for that matter should spend a few minutes talking to the wing’s new command chief master sergeant designate. In those short minutes he’ll reveal a road map to success, a journey characterized by hard work, dedication, commitment to family, friends and community, pursuit of excellence and leadership by example both in the way he conducts himself and in the lessons he learned by watching others he admired.

You’ll have to pay close attention because he won’t say any of these things directly. He doesn’t lecture, preach, or boast about his successes. He simply tells his story without fanfare or exaggeration and by listening to his story you learn all those things.

His father grew up in Perry County, north of Selma, in west central Alabama. He migrated to New York, where he met his wife, a native New Yorker, got married and raised his family.

Moore always visited his grand parents in the summer. As a teen ager, he wanted to come to Alabama and help out with the burgeoning the Civil Rights movement. His parents agreed provided he stay here and finish high school. He marched and in his words “was jailed on at least 7 occasions” from ’62-’64, before graduating in 1965. After spending two years at Knoxville College and four years in the Air Force, he then returned to New York City where through hard

work and diligence he rose to the position of package delivery operations manager at UPS. After retiring from UPS in 1987, he returned to Alabama.

Around this time he, he enlisted in the Air Force Reserve, joining the 908th’s 25th Aerial Port Squadron. One of the first people he met, ironically, is the woman he replaces as command chief, then-MSgt. Linda Roberts. It was there also that he met the man he said set the example for him to follow, Chief Master Sgt. Ron Luther.

“I watched and learned a lot from Chief Luther in terms of how he handled himself as a military person and how he balanced his civil service career as an air reserve technician. He performed a real good balancing act. And Chief Roberts was very influential. When I first joined the unit she was an information manager in APS. Over the years we developed a friendship. Certainly she encouraged me to get my PME and she provided guidance or counsel from time to time. Maybe she didn’t guide my career but she certainly gave me good advice.”

Moore coupled his UPS experience, guidance and support from mentors, and his disposition for working hard and systematically learned about the aerial port business, rising to rank of superintendent.

His civilian and previous military jobs put him in good shape for what lies ahead.

“Fortunately, for me I’ve never had a job when the whistle blows you put everything down and walk out the door. In all of my working career I’ve never had a job like that. I’m no stranger to long hours. Colonel Stewart expects certain things to be done, certain appointments to be kept, etc. I will work the hours it takes to meet those expectations and to fulfill my commitments to the 908th”.

Expect to see him at professional military education graduations. “I think if a person volunteers his or her time to attend a PME course then he or she needs to be recognized, I’m committed to being there.”

This commitment, he said, is in keeping with the high standard set by his predecessor. “Fortunately for me I’m following on the heels of a command chief master sergeant who had some very strong recognition programs in place. I’ve traveled around to several air reserve bases where many of the members didn’t know who there CCM was. They knew the position was there but they wouldn’t recognize the individual. Command Chief Master Sgt. Roberts didn’t allow that to happen here at Maxwell and within the 908th and I’m appreciative of that. She took this position to the people and made herself available. I want to continue that legacy.”

A firm believer in not fixing what’s isn’t broken, the married father of three intends to fine tune some of the in place programs.

“My personal expectation is to make the Top Three more visible. I would like to see the wing’s First Sergeants more visible to the average person in the unit. We have a strong First Sergeants

Council and I want to expand their success with Family Day and Christmas collections to other areas. Likewise, the 908th Chief’s Group is a strong organization. They’re very active with the 42 ABW Chief’s Group and we want to continue the strong profile that they have. As far as my personal objective in the position, it’s to make sure the enlisted troops are able to reach me, that they know I’m available to them. Certainly, I would encourage them to use their chain of command but if they need to see me I intend to be visible and available.”

A friend and consultant of Selma Mayor James Perkins Jr., whose three previous campaigns he worked on, and recently being named Campaign Director for the mayor’s reelection, in addition to overseeing a computer tutorial program for residents sponsored by the city of Selma, Moore marvels at the positive changes that have been made since those turbulent years of his youth in the south. The changes and opportunities he sees now, he said, made the marches, boycotts and jailings worthwhile.

He sees correlation not separation between his civilian and military lives.

“As command chief, I’m in a position to help develop people, to help them reach the highest level of potential in their military careers and to make sure that, No. 1, we’re ready to go to war and that our readiness level is high enough that we can be successful and to help people as we go.

“I demonstrated in the ‘60s to help people, primarily an underserved group of people. Within UPS as an operations manager, I had to recruit, hire, train and develop people to work within the organization. At 25 APS I trained and developed people to be more productive. An in 11 years as a NCO Leadership Development Program instructor, I helped mold and develop people to be more successful NCOs, to be more career oriented and to be ready to advance. In this position, it’s the same thing. There are more than 1,000 enlisted people in the 908th. If I can listen to their concerns express their issues to the commander and come up with solutions to their problems and help them advance and grow, I don’t see one being more important than the other. It’s a balance. I see my self as doing the same thing on both sides.”



Photos by Jeff Melvin  
**Senior Master Sgt. Moore shares his take on the command chief master sergeant's role.**



# "Please tell them, we remember"

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in Normandy, he was hooked. McNeil said.

"The people really treat us well, dinners every night, hosting the soldiers. They really love Americans and really show it. They treat us as if we were actually the ones who jumped in and saved them in 1944. Not only does the older generation remember, the people of Normandy and Ste. Mére Eglise in particular have gone out of their way to make sure everyone understands what veterans have done for them," McNeil continued.

The Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members also participated in ceremonies and activities surrounding the anniversary and visiting the historic sites with the soldiers. In a most "historic" moment, Reservists and Guardsmen were actually photographed **marching** about half a mile to and from a ceremony in the town of Montebourg. The event was held to honor French aviators who were caught attempting to escape to England where they planned to join General De Gaulle's Free French Army. The ceremony was held at a memorial erected where the Germans executed the aviators. As the ranking airman present, Col. Heath Nuckolls, 94<sup>th</sup> Operations Group commander, participated in erecting a new flag poll over the monument.

Nuckolls said his overall impression of the trip was that it went well. "We had numerous comments from Americans and French that it was the best drop in eight years."

The most difficult aspect, Nuckolls said, was the coordination, with the French Air Traffic Control, three separate flying units from both



Photos by Maj. Jerry Lobb

**The jeep and uniform are real U.S. Army vintage 1944. However the "Colonel" is one of many French who honor those who freed**

**Europe by preserving equipment and participating in reenactments.**

guard and reserve, and the army paratroopers. "It is hard to put into words the feelings and admiration the citizens in that area have for the allied troops that landed on D-Day. We heard numerous stories. At Montebourg, the city was leveled by the bombing. During that time the residents took shelter in their cellars. When the US Army drove into town they believed the city to be deserted. The residents came out of their cellars when they saw the soldiers. They said it was like ghosts rising from their graves. For many, all that was left was the clothes on their backs."

"It was a real honor to participate and to learn more about the history of the invasion," said Maj. Stan Jesionowski, 908<sup>th</sup>'s aircraft commander for the mission. "The people Normandy made it clear they remember the sacrifices that were made by Americans to free France from the German occupation."

The comments of Specialist Antonio Torres, 5<sup>th</sup> Ranger Training Battalion, mirrored those from his fellow soldiers. "It was an honor to participate in the jump on Normandy. It was the best time I've had in the 8 years I've had in the military. As I was dropping I tried to imagine the scene they saw that morning as rounds were coming up at them in the dark and the confusion. I also tried to imagine what they must have been feeling. Instead, as we dropped we saw the crowd waiting on us. It was interesting to go to dinner with the family. They didn't speak a word of English and we didn't know but a few words of French, still we managed to communicate and enjoyed our time together," he said.

Sgt. First Class Hernan Rodriguez, master trainer of the ground branch of the airborne school

at Fort Benning who served as the drop zone safety officer at Ste. Mére Eglise, said he thought every trooper and soldier should have the opportunity to see what the allied forces went through as they made their assault in 1944.

"Be prepared to interact with the people," said Master Sgt. Thomas Lovingood, an aircraft electronics specialist with the 94<sup>th</sup>. Lovingood recommended learning a few words and phrases in French to anyone planning to make the trip to Normandy. For Lovingood the highlight of the trip was the appreciation he saw from the people of Ste. Mére Eglise and how they pass it down from generation to generation. Fortunately for Lovingood and the rest of the maintenance team from Dobbins, the aircraft experienced only a few minor problems, so they were free to visit the historic sites. Lovingood said he found the Omaha cemetery to be "tear-wrenching" as he saw all the headstones for the nearly 10,000 American soldiers and airmen buried there.

When asked what the rest of France thought of the celebration a local couple answered, "Most of the rest of France thinks we here in Normandy are a bit loony, observing the liberation, collecting and restoring uniforms and equipment. But we are here, near the beaches, with all the memorials to those who died to liberate our country. For us it is a very real thing since we live in the shadow of such an important event in the history of Europe."

For the most part the commemoration was a serious affair. However there were a few lighter moments. Take the four British ladies who adopted the 908th crew, for example. One of the ladies lived in a small town near Ste. Mére Eglise and the other ladies were visiting her. To protect



**Two U.S. Army paratroopers from the Ranger Training Brigade, Ft. Benning, Ga., walk toward the welcoming crowd after their jump on the drop zone near Sainte Mére Eglise, France.**



the weak I won't reveal who shamelessly begged "no more!" at 1:30 a.m. as the ladies (the youngest must have been about 70 years old) threatened to open "just one more" bottle of wine.

Or the surprise that greeted Major Jesionowski and flight engineer Senior Master Sgt. Ben Kemp as their aircraft approached the drop zone. "Stan" and "Ben" were written in 4-foot tall letters on sheets on the ground. The family they dined with orchestrated that little greeting.

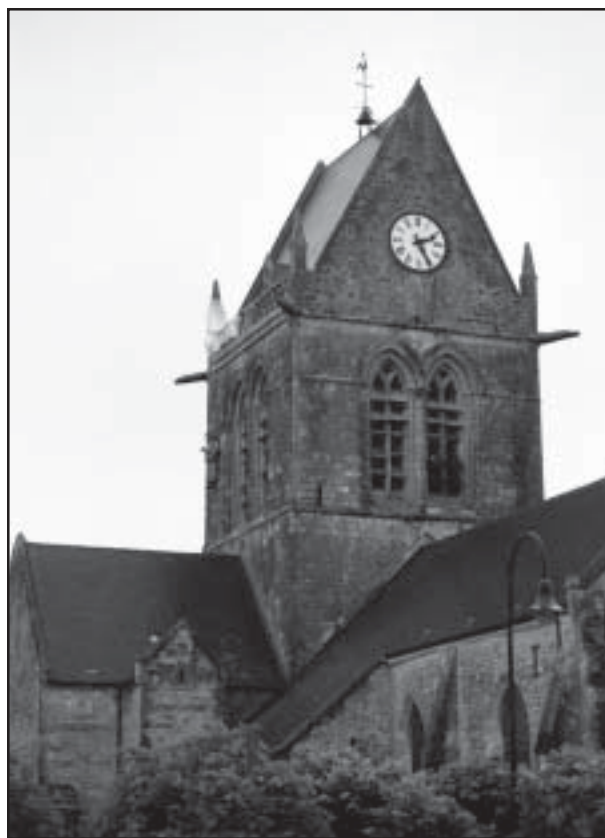
Patches, coins, uniform items were hard to keep as the people in the area, and particularly the children, are ardent souvenir collectors. The three aircrews stayed at a 300-year old abbey in Montebourg that also housed a school. If anyone stood still for more than a few minutes outside the building, they were quickly surrounded by 10- to 14-year-old kids. More than once somebody commented dryly, "So this is what its like to be a rock star."

Although there were lighter moments like these, the price paid for the freedom to laugh and enjoy was inescapable. Cemeteries and monuments to those who died to make it possible were a major part of the Normandy countryside.

At a reception in Montebourg a tiny elderly French woman approached the group I was with. In her hand she held a laminated sheet with a picture of a young Army Air Corps member, Lt. James West from Mississippi. Through an interpreter she explained that she cared for West's grave at a local cemetery. She said she felt it was her duty to remember those who sacrificed everything to free her country. During most of our conversation she spoke only French. However, her last words to us were spoken in English. With a quiver in her voice and tears welling in her eyes, she said, "When you go home, please tell them, we remember."



**Loadmasters Senior Master Sgt. Steve Tarrance and Staff Sgt. Steven Kramer with the French family they spent an evening with in Ste. Mére Eglise. Right, The church in Ste.**



**Mére was made famous in the movie "The Longest Day." Actor Red Buttons, portrayed John Steele who spent the early hours of June 6, 1944, hanging by his chute from the steeple.**



**Most found visiting the cemetery above Omaha beach to be a moving experience. A few 908th members visited graves of relatives buried there.**

## Crews compete for "Best Aircraft" title

By 1st Lt. Carmel R. Weed Jr.  
908th MXS Maintenance Officer

The Logistics Group instituted its "Best Aircraft" recognition program in January 2002.. The objective of the program is to instill friendly competition amongst crew chiefs and greater sense of ownership for each of the aircraft assigned to the 908th.

The dedicated Crew Chief program is one that has been endorsed at the highest levels of the Air Force, and is certainly embraced by the 908th Logistics Group. One primary crew chief (typically and Air Reserve Technician) is assigned to an aircraft, and is responsible for overseeing all routine and corrective maintenance on the aircraft. Each primary crew chief has a team of assistant crew chiefs comprised of traditional reservists who play vital roles in the maintenance and upkeep of the assigned aircraft.

The beauty of this program is that it's not just a crew chief award. While its is true that the recognition goes to the individuals assigned to the aircraft, key supporting cast are the unsung heroes in the process which can make or break the overall score the aircraft receives each month. These unsung heroes are the aircraft specialists. Without the specialist support, the aircraft would not fly.

The competition grading criteria assigns positive points for aircraft appearance/cleanliness, flying hours, and negative points for maintenance take off aborts, maintenance late take offs, and personnel errors. A four by eight foot display of the assigned aircraft tail fins with the monthly aircraft ranking is located in Bldg. 845. This display was crafted by one of the Logistic Group's propulsion flight members and exemplifies the teamwork that exists within the organization.

At the end of the calendar year, the aircraft with the highest point total will be named the aircraft of the year. The next time you're in the Logistics Group building, stop by check out the display. The results of the monthly competition will be posted in the Southern Flyer to keep you informed of how well the teams are doing.

### ' Best Aircraft' Winners

Jan-02 Acft 85-00036, Crew Chief, Master Sgt. Carl Owens  
Feb-02 Acft 85-00042, Crew Chief, Master Sgt. Billy Dolbare  
Mar-02 Acft 85-00040, Crew Chief Tech. Sgt. Rocky Dill  
Apr-02 Acft 85-00042  
May-02 Acft 85-00042



## Chief induction ceremony

Chief Master Sgts. Ezera McElwee, left, and Thrasher Jones assist new chief master sergeant promotee Melvin Thomas with his new chevrons during an induction ceremony June 9. Chief Thomas is the Logistics Group aircraft manager, 908th Maintenance Squadron.



Photo by Master Sgt. Terry Shook

## Air Force begins selected demobilization

By Master Sgt. Rick Burnham  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – Air Force officials announced June 17 that a planned demobilization of reserve component forces would be limited in scope, affecting only selected groups of people across the service.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper said Air Force officials are formulating a plan to determine the right mix of active-duty, Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard forces.

“Our mobilized guardsmen and reservists want to know when to expect demobilization,” he said in the May 3 edition of “The Chief’s Sight Picture.” “The deputy chief of staff for air and space operations is coordinating an effort to evaluate our mission needs and determine which Air Force specialties can be demobilized as soon as possible. At the same time, we are evaluating where, when, and how to shift from a crisis response mode – with heavy reliance on mobilized Guard and Reserve – to our ‘new steady state,’ which would utilize volunteer guardsmen and reservists to help meet our mission taskings.

“We need these results to determine our long-term requirements for our mobilized members and how long to continue Stop-Loss for those in our most stressed skills.”

More than 30,700 Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard men and women were called to duty following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Another 7,900 Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve volunteers are serving on active duty.

Most of those will remain for the duration of their activation orders, said Michael L. Dominguez, assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs.

“Many will serve until the expiration of the period of mobilization specified in their activation orders,” Dominguez said, “unless that period of mobilization is extended by the secretary of the Air Force. When the command that issued the original mobilization determines that the specified forces are no longer required to perform the

mission for which they were mobilized, they will be demobilized.”

Other situations, such as involving a rotational plan agreed to by the affected active-duty and reserve component commands, will also likely result in demobilization, Dominguez said. Other guidelines apply for those Reserve and Guard people who were ordered to active duty following the terrorist attacks.

“Under certain circumstances,” Dominguez said, “individual reserve component members ordered to active duty may be deactivated and discharged, or returned to reserve component control without the necessity of SECAF-level approval.”

Those circumstances include discharge for cause (for conduct or performance problems), medical reasons or personal hardship, when the needs of the Air Force will allow it.

Other circumstances include deactivation when people are determined to be unqualified for medical reasons, when they are experiencing an unexpected temporary hardship, or when they are deemed unqualified because of a lack of prescribed training.

The procedures for deactivating those men and women who have volunteered and been accepted to remain on extended active duty differ slightly, Dominguez said.

“They will be deactivated on the day before the date of entry on extended active duty,” he said.

Dominguez added that the responsibility for a suitable transition time for those who demobilize rests with commanders.

“Commanders will ensure that members who are deactivated or discharged are allowed adequate time to complete necessary travel and complete medical evaluation, if required,” he said. “They will also be allowed time to use any accrued leave, if they desire.”

Wing- and base-level MPFs have more information on the demobilization of air reserve component people. (AFRC News Service)

## Members must take care of deployment items in advance

*EDITOR’S NOTE: The appropriate checklists, reporting instructions and medical clearance letter can be found on the S Drive at S:/908aw/Udm. Starting in July, all out processing personnel must have the proper checklist.*

Over the past few months, more than 80 members of the wing have been activated in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. As members have out processed some have had missing or out of date items in their deployment paperwork.

According to Tech. Sgt. Drew Butler, NCOIC of Personnel Readiness, the following is a list of those items members of the wing should check as soon as possible:

- Check with customer service and ensure your Emergency Data card (DD Form 93) is up to date
- Conduct a record review and order a new decorations report
- Make sure your ID card is current
- Meet with your Unit Deployment Manager to review your mobility folder, to make sure your dog tags, shot record, deployment locator cards etc. are up to date
- Make sure you meet Air Force weight standards
- Clear any physical profile
- Members must have security clearances for deployment. Interim clearances are acceptable.

If called to deploy:

- Work closely with your UDM, the Plans Office and Personnel Readiness who will be assisting you in completing required pre-deployment checklists, making travel arrangements and obtaining any needed specialized gear

■ Complete out processing checklist for the specific area of operations to which you are deploying

■ Read the Reporting Instructions for your deployed location (available from your, PRU, UDM and FM.)

■ If deploying for 90 days or more, see Master Sgt. Cindy Jeffers, NCOIC of Relocations

“The out processing checklist for area the member is deploying to must be completed without exception,” Butler said. The importance of this checklist cannot be overstressed. If members feel they cannot complete all the checklist items during a UTA, they should consult with their commanders. They may need to come in on a manday to complete the process.

Butler emphasized preparation is the key. “People who’ve had everything up to date and together have had a lot easier time getting out of town. Those who were not as well prepared, spent their final days in town running frantically instead of spending time with family and friends.”

July UTA Schedule

| Time                                | Time | Event                     | Location/OPR                     |
|-------------------------------------|------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b><u>Friday, July 12, 2002</u></b> |      |                           |                                  |
| 1630                                | 1900 | Commanders’ Staff Meeting | Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room/CC |

**Saturday, July 13, 2002**

| 0730 | 0800 | Sign In                                    | Orderly Room                 |
|------|------|--|------------------------------|
| 0730 | 0800 | Newcomers’ Flight Reception                | Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS       |
| 0800 | 0830 | Newcomers’ Intro/Orientation               | Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS       |
| 0830 | TBD  | Units At Range M-16 (Classroom; 27 slots)  | Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms |
| 0830 | 1200 | Newcomers’ MPF In-Processing               | Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS       |
| 0830 | 1200 | NBC Defense Training (Refresher)           | Bldg. 1062/Classroom/CEX     |
| 0830 | 1200 | M-41 Mask Fit                              | Bldg. 1055/Rm 1              |
| 0930 | 1000 | TDY/PCS OutProcessing                      | Bldg. 1056/Rm 111, DPMSA     |
| 1000 | 1100 | Unit Disaster Preparedness Reps Meeting    | Bldg. 1055                   |
| 1000 | 1100 | Unit Deployment Managers' (UDM) Meeting    | Bldg. 1056/Wing Conf Rm      |
| 1030 | 1130 | First Sergeants' Meeting                   | Golf Course/Snack Bar        |
| 1230 | TBD  | Units At Range M-9 (Classroom; 27 slots)   | Firing Range/SFS             |
| 1230 | 1530 | CDC Testing (Course 5 - SNCOA CD Rom Only) | Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT       |
| 1230 | TBD  | Units At Range M-16 (Firing; 27 slots)     | Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms |
| 1300 | 1630 | NBC Defense Training (R)                   | Bldg. 1062/Classroom/CEX     |
| 1400 | TBD  | Unit Security Manager's Mtg                | Bldg. 1056/Wing Conf Rm      |
| 1500 | 1630 | Gas Mask Issue                             | Bldg. 848/Center Bay         |
| 1700 | TBD  | Sign Out                                   | Orderly Room                 |

**Sunday, July 14, 2002**

| 0630  | 0700 | Sign In                                   | Orderly Room                 |
|---|------|---|------------------------------|
| 0715  | 0815 | PERSCO Training                           | Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room     |
| 0730  | 1130 | NBC Defense Training (I)                  | Bldg. 1062/Clstrm/CEX        |
| 0800  | TBD  | Units At Range M-9 (Firing; 27 slots)     | Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms |
| 0800  | 1100 | Hazardous Cargo Training                  | 42 Trans Conf Room           |
| 0815  | 0900 | 3S0X1 Training (All units)                | Bldg. 1056/CC Conf.Rm        |
| 0830  | TBD  | Units At Range M-16 (Classroom; 21 slots) | Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms |
| NOTE: DO NOT schedule airlift riders for the Sunday M16 class |      |   |                              |
| 0900  | 0930 | Worship Service (Recommended)             | Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/HC     |
| 0900  | 1030 | Wing Flying Safety                        | Ops Briefing Room            |
| 1000  | 1100 | Unit Safety Rep/ORM Advisors' Mtg         | Bldg. 1056/Wing Conf Rm      |
| 1300  | TBD  | SORTS/Commander Meeting                   | Cmd Post/CAT Rm/CC           |
| 1000  | 1100 | Career Advisors Meeting                   | Bldg. 846/DPMSC              |
| 1100  | 1130 | Worship Service (Recommended)             | Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT      |
| 1200  | 1500 | Hazardous Cargo Training                  | 42 Trans Conf Room           |
| 1230  | 1530 | CDC Testing                               | Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT      |
| 1230  | 1400 | PreDeployment Processing/Briefing         | Bldg. 1154/Mobility Section  |
| 1230  | TBD  | Units At Range M-16 (Firing)              | Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms |
| 1300  | 1400 | Honor Guard Meeting                       | Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief Office |
| 1300  | 1400 | UTA Bulletin Meeting                      | Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room     |
| 1400  | 1500 | Chiefs Group Meeting                      | Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief Office |
| 1600  | TBD  | Sign-out                                  | Orderly Room                 |

Support functions' schedule

| Activity                    | Dates & hours of operation                                   |                | Location/Ext.    |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------|------------------|
| MPF Customer Service        | Sat, 1300-1700   | Sun, 0900-1100 | Bldg. 1056/35522 |
|                             |  | Sun, 1200-1600 | Bldg. 1056/35522 |
| ID Cards                    | M-F, 0630-1630   | Sun, 0800-1100 | Bldg. 1056/35522 |
|                             | Sat, 1300-1700   | Sun, 1200-1600 | Bldg. 1056/35522 |
| Reserve Pay                 | M-F, 0700-1100;  | Sat, 0800-1600 | Bldg. 1056/36722 |
|                             | 1200-1600  |                |                  |
| Medical Records             | Sat, 0800-1500   | Sun, Closed    | Bldg. 711/35714  |
| Individual Equipment        | Sat, 0800-1530   |                | Bldg. 1154/36020 |
| Clothing Sales              | Sat, 0900-1500   |                | Bldg. 851/37505  |
| *Restricted Area Badges     | M-F, 0630-1600   | Sat, 0800-1200 | Bldg. 84/34283   |
| *Vehicle Registration       | M-F, 0730-1600   | Sat, 0800-1200 | Bldg. 84/34283   |
| *Geneva Convention Cards    | M-F, 0730-1600   | Sat, 0800-1200 | Bldg. 84/34283   |
| Dining Hall                 | Sat, 0600-0930   | Sun, 0600-0930 | Bldg. 668/35127  |
|                             | 1100-1300  | 1100-1300      |                  |
|                             | 1600-1830  | 1600-1830      |                  |
| Lodging office/reservations | (lodging problems, contact 908th rep via lodging front desk) |                | Bldg. 1573/32401 |
| Photo lab                   | M-F, 0730-1630   | Sun, 1300-1500 | Bldg. 926/37981  |

Remaining FY 02 UTA Dates

Aug. 10-11; Sep. 7-8

FY 03 UTA Dates

Oct. 5-6; Nov. 2-3; Dec. 7-8; Jan. 11-12, 03; Feb. 8-9, 03; March 8-9, 03; April 5-6, 03; May 3-4, 03; June 7-8, 03; Jul 12-13, 03; Aug. 9-10, 03; Sept. 6-7, 03

July UTA Lodging

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

- \* Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
- \* Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356
- \* Input your unit's authorization code
- \* Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558
- \* The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad
- \* The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the # sign. (PIN available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)
- \* The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.
- \* To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.
- \* You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)
- \* If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying
- \* If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.
- \* The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

If you have a question please contact Master Sgt. Byron Godwin at:

Commercial: (334) 953-7332  
DSN: 493-7332  
E-mail: byron.godwin@maxwell.af.mil  
Emergency cell: (334) 301-3476

Notice! Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the July UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms. You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.

Airlift Schedule

Aurora Airlift

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1530 local  
Arrive Aurora at 1800 local  
Depart Aurora at 1815 local  
Arrive Maxwell at 2030 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:  
Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local  
Arrive Aurora at 1830 local  
Depart Aurora at 1845 local  
Arrive Maxwell at 2100 local

Huntsville/Dobbins Airlift  
UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1700 local  
Arrive Dobbins at 1845 local  
Depart Dobbins at 1915 local  
Arrive Huntsville at 1845 local  
Depart Huntsville at 1915 local  
Arrive Maxwell at 1945 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:  
Depart Maxwell at 1600 local  
Arrive Dobbins at 1745 local  
Depart Dobbins at 1815 local  
Arrive Huntsville at 1745 local  
Depart Huntsville at 1815 local  
Arrive Maxwell at 1845 local



## Take Note

### Promotions

... to Airman First Class  
**Sherri D. Denson, ASTS**

### Name correction

Last month we erroneously identified Airman of the Quarter Senior Airman Elise Stinson, MSS as "Elaine Stinson."

### New chaplain on board

Welcome to our newest staff Chaplain, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Brian L. Harrison. Chaplain Harrison, a native of East

Orange, N.J., is a prior service member with over 12 years active duty Air Force. He graduated from Southern



**Chaplain Brian Harrison**

Illinois University and earned his Master of Divinity Degree from the Morehouse School of

Religion at the Interdenominational Theological Center of Atlanta, Ga. Chaplain Harrison is an adjunct professor for Beulah Heights Bible College in Atlanta and performs counseling for the Department of Children and Family Services. He enjoys bowling, chess and a good game of spades. Chaplain Harrison is married and has a teenage son.

### Did You Know....

*EDITOR's NOTE: The following information is provided by the 908th AW Family Support Center.*

Many reservists have asked Family Support Center staff about the possibility of childcare being provided through the Child Development Center on UTA weekends. In researching this matter, we concluded Guard and Reserve members on or near active duty bases can use the existing Extended Care Program. This program provides free child care for members required to perform weekend duty.

That's the good news. Now the bad. The Extended Care Program operated by Child Development Center here at Maxwell AFB was

suspended June 15 due to a lack of participation (includes active duty, Guard, and Reserve). Maxwell CDC has agreed to look at reinstating the program if sufficient evidence is available that reinstatement would benefit Maxwell as a whole.

The 908th AW Family Support Center has agreed to take the names of Reservists who would like to use the Child Development Center on UTA weekends. This does not represent a commitment that the Child Development Center will provide this service.

If our members demonstrate sufficient desire and commitment to participate in such a program, then the Family Support Center can approach the Child Development Center with solid numbers to present to their bosses.

In the mean time, the Child Development Center has provided this office with a list of approved childcare providers in the military housing units. Some of these childcare providers have indicated that they are available for weekends. Again, we encourage all those members who feel that they would benefit from participating in the Extended Care Program, to come by the 908th AW Family Support Center, Bldg 1058, Room 117, and sign their names on the list.



### Wildlife sanctuary

908th AW Chief of Safety Lt. Col. Richard Gilchrist points to the site of a second bird nest near the side entrance to the wing headquarters building. Previously Gilchrist devised



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the creative attempt above to protect passers by as well as the eggs of a pair of killdeer. Coincidentally, Gilchrist has a bachelor's degree in wildlife from Auburn University.

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